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Dear Ms. Smith:

Thank you for providing information concerning your Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) proposal for Golden Valley Electric Association's (GVEA) Healy Power Plant, Unit 1 (Healy 1). Healy 1 is a nominal 25-MW unit located in Healy, Alaska, approximately 6 kilometers from Denali National Park and Preserve.

We are pleased that the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) has proposed stringent controls for emission of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) from Healy 1, and we are submitting information in support of that determination. However, we believe that an even lower NO_x limit and more stringent controls of emissions of sulfur dioxide may be appropriate if certain aspects of the control technology and modeling analyses are revisited, as we explain in the enclosed detailed comments. We also believe that an evaluation of controls for condensable particulate matter is required and warranted.

We look forward to working with the ADEC as this process advances. We believe that good communication and sharing of information will help expedite this process. Please contact Don Shepherd (don_shepherd@nps.gov, 303-969-2075), if you have any questions or comments regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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